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Serial No.: 09/836,857 Art Unit: 2881
Filed: April 17, 2001 Examiner: David Vanore
For: ELECTRON BEAM DUPLICATION LITHOGRAPHY METHOD AND APPARATUS

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**TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF
(PATENT APPLICATION - 37 CFR 1.192)**

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NOTE: "The appellant shall, within 2 months from the date of the notice of appeal under § 1.191 in an application, reissue application, or patent under reexamination, or within the time allowed for response to the action appealed from, if such time is later, file a brief in triplicate." 37 CFR 1.192(a) (emphasis added).

2. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of

- ☐ other than a small entity
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3. FEE FOR FILING APPEAL BRIEF

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(f) the fee for filing the Appeal Brief is:

- ☒ small entity \$165.00
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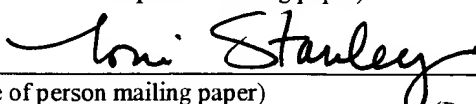
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The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

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<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
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Fee		\$ _____

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- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

or

- (b) ☒ Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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- ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, this is a request therefor and to charge Account No. 23-2426 (12179-P098US).

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 23-2426 (12179-P098US).

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APPEAL BRIEF

I. REAL PARTY-IN-INTEREST

The real party in interest is SI Diamond Technology, Inc., who is the assignee of the entire right and interest in the present Application.

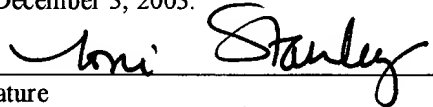
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II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no appeals or interferences known to Appellants, the Appellants' legal representative, or assignee which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the Application, and also stand rejected.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

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V. SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides an electron beam duplication lithography apparatus and method (FIG. 1) for focusing electrons is emitted from a mask plate 10 as a result of an application of an electric field between a mask plate 10 and a duplication plate 13. The result is that a congruent or similar pattern is lithographed by electron beam exposure onto an electron beam resist film 14 from a field emission film 12 having the congruent or similar pattern to be created.

Because there is no use of a photo cathode, it is possible to realize a longer lifetime of the mask plate 10. Moreover, it is possible to construct the mask plate 10 using a conductive substrate 11 or having a conductive film coated glass substrate or ceramic substrate or a metal substrate, at a lower cost. Moreover, it is possible to achieve higher current densities with a field emitter 12, resulting in a lessening of the exposure time of the resist film 14, resulting in a faster lithography process, which will increase the manufacturing throughput.

Because the mask plate 10 surface is flat, it is possible to more effectively duplicate in a one-to-one manner, plus there is no inherent limit to the size of the cathode. The whole pattern can be exposed in parts of it at a time. It is also possible to realize more precise duplication lithography below the 0.1 micrometer level.

A field emission device can use low work function materials, such as a diamond-like carbon thin film. As a result, the two plates 10, 13 can be positioned closer together resulting in higher current densities, resulting in the increased efficiency, all without a degradation of the mask plate 10, since the diamond-like carbon thin film 12 is more resistant to damage over its lifetime.

VI. ISSUES

1. Are claims 1-9 properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by *Baylor et al.* (USP 5,892,231)?
2. Is claim 5 properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Baylor*?

VII. GROUPING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are to be considered individually per the reasons set forth in Section VIII.

VIII. ARGUMENT

1. Claims 1-9 are not properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by *Baylor*.

Claim 1 recites that all of the field emission material deposited on the first substrate in the predefined pattern on a permanent basis emits electrons on a continuous basis when activated. The Examiner asserts that when a current is applied to the emitters 431-434 in *Baylor*, they continuously emit electrons. Applicants respectfully disagree. The device in *Baylor* is a digitally addressable array of electron emitters configurable in a variety of shapes so that when a particular shape of an electron beam is desired, selected ones of the electron emitters will be activated to create such desired shape. In such a case, there will be certain ones of the electron emitters that are not activated. So, for example, the *Baylor* invention of FIGURE 5 overcomes the prior art shown in FIGURE 3 of *Baylor* whereby if a T design is desired, the square-shaped electron beam will have to be repeated for various portions of the T design. With the *Baylor* invention, only the emitters 431-434 making up the T design will be activated so that the entire T design can be emitted as an electron beam in that shape. In such a case, there will be electron emitters that are not activated in *Baylor*. Claim 1 recites that all of the field emission material will emit electrons on a continuous basis when activated. This is not taught within *Baylor*, since *Baylor* teaches that not all of the field emitters will be addressed to emit electrons, but instead, some of them will not be activated to define the desired pattern.

With respect to claim 4, the Examiner asserts that the connections 530 represent the conductive layer between the first substrate 510 and the field emitter 431. Clearly from FIGURE 5, such connections 530 are not a conductive layer that is between substrate 510 and the field emitter 431.

With respect to claim 6, the grids 441-444 are not deposited on the substrate 510.

With respect to claim 7, the Examiner has glossed over these claim limitations; clearly from FIGURE 5, the grid portions 441-444 do not cover edges of the field emitters 431-434. Further, with respect to claim 8, the Examiner has again glossed over these claim limitations. Clearly, the surfaces of the grid materials 441-444 are not coplanar with the emitting surface of the field emitters 431-434.

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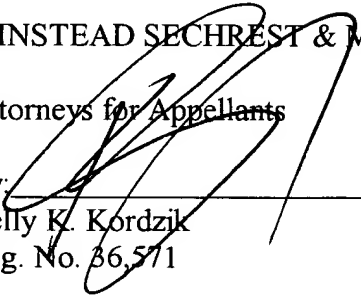
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Claim 5 recites a conductive layer between the second substrate and the electron beam resist layer. There is no such conductive layer between the second substrate and the electron beam resist layer in *Baylor*. The Examiner cites the *Chan*, *Borel*, and *Huang* references that the limitations of claim 5 would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. However, the Examiner has not officially cited these references in the rejection of claim 5 under § 103. Therefore, the Examiner has not set forth a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

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3 a field emitter deposited on the first substrate in a predefined pattern whereby
4 an active field emission material is deposited on the first substrate in the predefined
5 pattern on a permanent basis such that all of such field emission material emits
6 electrons on a continuous basis when activated, and whereby no active field emission
7 material resides in spaces between the predefined pattern so that no field emission of
8 electrons occurs in such spaces;
9 a second substrate positioned a distance from the first substrate;
10 an electron beam resist layer deposited on the second substrate; and
11 circuitry for establishing an electric field to thereby cause an emission of
12 electron beams from the active field emission material towards the electron beam
13 resist layer in order to modify the electron beam resist layer in a pattern substantially
14 identical to the predefined pattern.

1 2. The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising a magnetic field
2 lens positioned to focus the electron beams as they are emitted from the field emitter
3 towards the electron beam resist layer.

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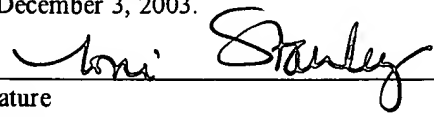
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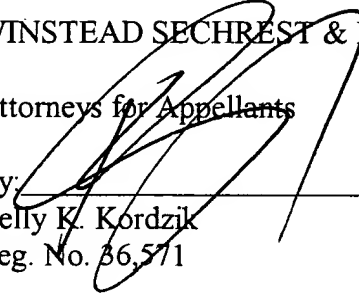
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